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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
EASTERN DIVISION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MEDICINE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

WERFEL, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:23-cv-02450-FMO-DTB

**JOINT STIPULATION TO
EXTEND TIME FOR
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

Hon. Fernando M. Olguin

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7-1, the Parties hereby stipulate and request to extend time to mediate from August 2, 2024 to September 20, 2024. In support of this request, the Parties state as follows:

The Court entered a Case Management Order setting a deadline to participate in a settlement conference by August 2, 2024. *See* Dkt. 34 at 2 (“The parties shall complete their settlement conference before a mediator from the court’s ADR Panel ... no later than August 2, 2024”).

The parties cooperated in the selection of a settlement officer, Dr. Joan Kessler. They filed a stipulation regarding that selection on June 21, 2024. *See*

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1 Dkt. 38. Based on the mediator's dates of availability, the parties scheduled
 2 mediation for July 31, 2024. They filed mediation statements with JAMS on July
 3 24, 2024, under direction from Dr. Kessler's case manager.

4 On July 24, 2024, the mediator's office informed the parties that, "Due to an
 5 unforeseen calendar conflict, Dr. Kessler would like to reschedule [the] mediation."
 6 The parties raised concern over the Court's impending August 2 deadline but were
 7 informed that "Dr. Kessler does not have availability before August 2, 2024." A
 8 true and correct copy of that email correspondence is attached to this Stipulation.

9 The parties have conferred on potential dates for the rescheduled mediation
 10 based on Dr. Kessler's availability in August and September. The parties and Dr.
 11 Kessler are all available on September 17, 2024. They have tentatively reserved
 12 that date for the rescheduled mediation. The parties therefore request that this
 13 Court continue the deadline to mediate from August 2 until September 20, 2024.
 14 That continuance will allow the parties to mediate on September 17 and complete
 15 post-mediation papers as necessary.

16 The parties submit that this continuance does not result from delays within
 17 their control. The originally scheduled mediation was set within the time allotted
 18 by this Court for completion of a settlement conference. The requested continuance
 19 will cause no additional delays or adjustments to the pending calendar set by this
 20 Court in Dkt. 34. The parties respectfully request that this Court grant the
 21 stipulation to adjust for the mediator's change in schedule.

22 A proposed order is provided for the convenience of the Court per Local
 23 Rule 52.4.1.

24 Dated: July 31, 2024.

25 Respectfully submitted,

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ATTESTATION OF FILER

I attest that the other signatory listed, on whose behalf this filing is submitted,
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Dated: July 31, 2024.

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